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BOND STEERING COMMITTEE PRESENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

The Dripping Springs ISD Bond Steering Committee presented a report to the Board of Trustees Jan. 29 that included a **recommendation** for a bond package. The Board is reviewing the proposed package and will decide at a special meeting Feb. 12 (6:00 p.m.) whether to call a bond election for May 2018. In addition, a Board workshop is scheduled for Feb. 7 (7:00 p.m.) to allow Board members an opportunity to gather any additional information they need. Both meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

The planning process started in October with the formation of the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee (LRFPC). That group met throughout the fall to assess current district facilities and develop recommendations for future schools and other district facilities. That group, which involved more than 100 parents, staff and community members, then turned over recommendations to the Bond Steering Committee. The BSC met throughout January to review and prioritize the list of potential new facilities and improvements to existing facilities.

During the process, various options regarding locations and models of future schools were discussed, including the concept to place elementary and middle schools at the same location when possible. This concept led to the proposal to relocate Walnut Springs Elementary to the Dripping Springs Middle School site and convert of the current WSE building to the DSISD Administration Building and child care facility. This concept is explained in a narrated video at: **<http://bit.do/LRFP-Path2>**.

Other major priorities in a potential bond program that are being discussed are an expansion of Dripping Springs High School and a fifth elementary school. Summaries of meetings and other updates are available at: **www.dsisdtx.us/LRFPC**

